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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Correct the paragraph on page 16, at lines 8 to 24 to read:

"In a more preferred embodiment of the enantioselective alkylation step, 1.0 equivalent of the ~~LDA-TDF~~ LDA-THF in ethylbenzene is pre-mixed with 0.5 equivalents of isopropylaniline. To a mixture of 1.0 equivalent of compound V, 1.1 equivalents of compound X, and 1.5 equivalents of quinine, there is sequentially added 2.1 equivalents of the LDA-THF/2-isopropylaniline base complex, 0.7 equivalents of water, and 0.7 equivalents of LDA-THF/2-isopropylaniline base complex. The temperature of the mixture is adjusted to between 15° to 40°C, and a third portion of 1.3 equivalents of LDA-THF/2-isopropylaniline base complex is added ef over 3 to 10 hours. The ee% of the free base of the compound of formula VI obtained from this more preferred method ranges from 88 to 92% ee. The enantioselectivity of the free base VI, can be further enhanced by crystallization of acid addition salt formed by contacting the free base VI with at least one equivalent of a chiral acid such as N- α -t-Boc-L-asparagine or N-acetyl-L-phenylalanine. This more preferred method using the LDA-THF/isopropylaniline base complex is a more robust process, provides a better control in maintaining lower impurities, and employs lower amounts of the compound X and of the LDA-THF/isopropylaniline base complex in the third addition."

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